GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1059
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BAGLIHAR POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has raised any objections on Indian power projects being set up in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Indian Government thereto;

(c) the number of terrorist attacks made on the Baglihar power project in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years, till date; and

(d) the cost overruns due to delay in completion of this project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Pakistan has raised objections on Indian Power Projects being set up in Jammu and Kashmir. Under the provisions of the Indus Water Treaty, 1960 between India and Pakistan, India is required to furnish information in respect of new Run-of-River projects (including small plants) and storage projects on Western Rivers (Jhelum, Chenab and Indus and their tributaries), as specified in the treaty. Information in respect of these projects has been sent to Pakistan. Pakistan has raised objection on each of the projects. In India`s view, the design of each of the projects, is in compliance of the provisions of the treaty. Yet, in view of the objection raised by Pakistan, India has been examining the objections and endeavoring to resolve them through correspondence and meetings of the Permanent Indus Commission within the purview of the treaty and also through Secretary level talks etc., as decided between two Governments.

(c) : Government of J&K has informed that no terrorist attach has been reported on Baglihar Project till date.

(d) : Government of J&K have informed that the estimated cost of the project has increased from Rs.4000 Crores to Rs.5000 Crores due to damages caused by the floods in July-August of 2005 and time overruns.